P.L.O. to expedite the peace process in West Asia; and

(b) whether the Government of India propose to take any new initiative in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) No agreement has yet been reached for the convening of the International Peace Conference on the Middle East. Efforts to bring this about are being made.

(b) Government are assisting in and supporting these efforts. There is no proposal for any new initiative by India.

Non-Payment of UGC Pay-Scales in some Colleges in Delhi

*191. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission scales of pay approved by his Ministry and the Merit Promotion Scheme, are not being followed in Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbia College and a few other colleges in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when both the schemes are likely to be fully made applicable to the colleges referred to above ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the UGC, University of Delhi, Dehli Administration and the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, the position in regard to the implementation of the revised pay scales of tachers of Colleges in Dehli is as follows:

(i) 61 Colleges, including the Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbia College, have implemented the Scheme of revision of pay scales of teachers University and Colleges and other measures for maintenance of standards in higher education as circulated by this Ministry dated 17.6.87 and modified on 22.7.88.

(ii) The teachers of 4 technical institutions, 3 medical colleges and 1 Nursing College have been given scales of pay recommended by the Fourth Pay Commission.

The Government of India has announced the revision of pay scales of teachers in Technical Institutions on 28.2.89 which is applicable to teachers of Colleges of Technical Education in Delhi. The scheme of revision of pay scales of teachers of Universities and Colleges and the scheme for revision of pay scales of teachers of technical institutions provide that the teachers may opt for the Merit Promotion Scheme, 1983 wherever it was in operation and avail of the replacement pay scales recommended by the Fourth Pay Commission instead of the revised pay scales.

Vayudoot stations in the country

*192 SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI P.K. KUNJACHEN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Vayudoot stations in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that Vayudoot is not touching most of its stations; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The number of stations on the network of Vayudoot, at Present, is 93.

(b) and (c) As on March 6, 1989, services to only three stations were under suspension due to runway repairs.

Scheme of languages taught in Kendriya Vidyalayas

*193. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA:
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 9 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd November, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the scheme of languages being taught at different levels and in different Vidyalayas and regions and of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;

(b) what is the basis therefor; and

(c) in what manner it is ensured that the teaching of languages does not adversely affect the wards of the employees transferable from one region to another?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) In order to conform to the Courses of study prescribed by the Central Board of Secondary Education the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has reorganised teaching of languages at different levels in Kendriya Vidyalaya in different region as under:

(i) Hindi and English will continue to be taught as compulsory languages from class I to X in all Kendriya Vidyalayas.

(ii) In non-Hindi speaking States the regional language of the State has been introduced as third language in class VII in Kendriya Vidyalayas located in that State will be continued upto class X.

(iii) In Hindi-speaking States about 2/3rd of the Vidyalayas of the Region are required to teach one of the South Indian languages and the remaining 1/3rd are required to teach one of the modern Indian Languges viz. Gujarati, Marathi, Oriya, Bengali, Assamese, Punjabi, Sindhi and Urdu from Class VII to X.

In addition, the students may offer one of the 7 classical and European languages on optional basis.

(c) The students would be allowed to pursue the earlier language they were studying as third language and the school would provide teaching support to the extent possible. A teacher will be provided if there are at least 10 students in the school offering the language.

Decline in country's position in publication of books

*194 SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country's position in the matter of publishing of books has declined from 7th to 11th in the World with the gradual decrease in the number of books published in the country;

(b) if so, what is the annual percentage of decline in publishing of books in the country since 1986 and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?